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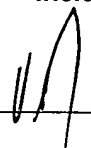
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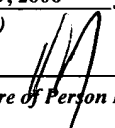
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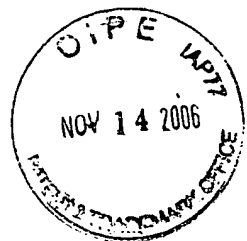
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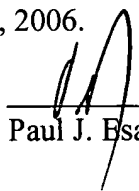
Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated October 12, 2006, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-19 and 27 for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-27 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-19 and 27 (mistakenly listed as 26-2), drawn to an inventory management method and apparatus, classified in class 235, subclass 462.01;

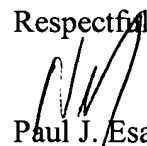
Group II, Claims 20-26, drawn to a component reel for an automated assembly machine, classified in class 206, subclass 459.5.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-19 and 27. However, applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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